

Response to Grand Jury Report Form

Report Title: CONSOLIDATION OF PUBLIC DISPATCH SYSTEMS

Report Date: MAY 20, 2013

Authorized Responder and Agency LAW PARKINSON SHERIFF-CORONER
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

FINDINGS

- I (we) agree with the findings numbered: _____
- I (we) disagree wholly or partially with the findings numbered: 5
(Attach a statement specifying any portions of the findings that are disputed; include an explanation of the reasons.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Recommendations numbered _____ have been implemented.
(Attach a summary describing the implemented actions.)
- Recommendations numbered _____ have not yet been implemented, but will be implemented in the future.
(Attach a timeframe for the implementation.)
- Recommendations numbered 2 require further analysis.

(Attach an explanation and the scope and parameters of an analysis or study, and a timeframe for the matter to be prepared for discussion by the officer or director of the agency or department being investigated or reviewed, including the governing body of the public agency when applicable. This timeframe shall not exceed six months from the date of publication of the grand jury report.)

- Recommendations numbered _____ will not be implemented because they are not warranted or are not reasonable.

(Attach an explanation.)

Date: 6-11-13 Signed: Law Parkinson

Number of pages attached 2

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June 13, 2013

The Honorable Barry LaBarbera
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of California
1050 Monterey Street
San Luis Obispo, CA, 93408

RE: Grand Jury 2012–2013 Report

Dear Judge LaBarbera:

I have reviewed the 2012-2013 San Luis Obispo County Grand Jury Report regarding "Consolidation of Public Safety Dispatch Systems." My response to their findings and recommendations are as follows:

Finding

5. *"The County Sheriff's Office is prepared to handle both police and fire dispatches for the Cities of Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach."*

The respondent partially agrees with this finding. Upon their request, the respondent is prepared to provide police dispatching for both Arroyo Grande and Grover Beach. However, the Sheriff's Office is not prepared or inclined to provide fire dispatching. The Sheriff's Office has never provided fire dispatching. Fire dispatching is the responsibility of County Fire / Cal Fire. Currently County Fire / Cal Fire has several fire dispatching contracts, including the City of Pismo Beach.

The Sheriff's Office, Cal Fire and County Administration are in the early planning stages of building a Co-located dispatch center. A Co-located dispatch center would allow both law enforcement and fire to be dispatched from one location providing more timely communications and a stronger partnership that will allow us to deliver even better services to the citizens of the County.

Recommendation

1. *"All city, city managers, Sheriff, Five Cities Fire Authority and Cal Fire should join in meeting with an independent facilitator to finalize*

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consolidation of dispatch by contracting dispatch services with the Sheriff's Office."

The respondent partially agrees with this recommendation. The Sheriff's Office agrees with the value in having an independent facilitator to assist in formal discussions. However, the Cities must first decide consolidation is something that they want to pursue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ian Parkinson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ian S. Parkinson
Sheriff-Coroner